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MAINED BY THE ARMY LOGS SEPTEMBER 27, 1977 AND INDICTED
OCTOBER 3, 1977 BY THE MILITARY COURT OF INSTRUCTION FOR
HAVING COMMITTED THE CRIMES ESTABLISHED BY ART. 226 OF THE
ORDINARY PENAL CODE (IDEOLOGICAL FALSIFICATION BY AN IN-
DIVIDUAL, PUNISHABLE BY THREE TO TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS IN
PRISON), ART. 69 (VI) OF THE MILITARY PENAL CODE (ASSISTING
A SUBVERSIVE ASSOCIATION) AND BY ART. 82 OF THE ORDINARY
PENAL CODE (COMPLICITY).

4. ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION FROM THE COV INDICATES
THAT THE TWO ARE CHARGED WITH NATIONAL SECURITY AND
COMMON LAW CRIMES THE FACT THAT SCHURMAN IS AN OUTSTANDING
TRIAL LAWYER, FAMOUS FOR HIS LEGAL DEFENSE OF IMPRISONED AND OTHERS
ACCUSED OF NATIONAL SECURITY CRIMES HAS LED TO A WIDELY
HELD ASSUMPTION THAT HIS DETENTION IS PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THESE
ACTIVITIES.

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5. THE EMBASSY HAS A REPORT FROM THE ITALIAN CHARGE THAT
A THIRD LAWYER NAME PHILIP BIANCO - RECENTLY WAS ARRESTED,
BUT WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION ON
THIS CASE.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH
DEPARTMENT AND US MISSION GENEVA CAN FURNISH ON THE
CHARGES REPORTEDLY MADE BY THE ICJ, PARTICULARLY THE NAMES
AND ANY DETAILS IT MAY HAVE ON THE FOUR LAWYERS ARRESTED.
ADDRESSES ARE FREE TO SHARE WITH THE ICJ THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION WHICH THE EMBASSY ALREADY HAS OBTAINED ON
THIS SUBJECT.

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